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Joint Intelligence Group

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REPORTS & ESTIMATES, CIA

Subject: Revision of JIC 435/21 "Soviet Capabilities and Courses of Action 1952"

1. Pursuant to a decision by the Joint Intelligence Committee, the subject paper is referred to the Joint Intelligence Group for review and revision to include an estimate as to how the Soviets might apportion their industrial and technological resources.
2. This request to the Central Intelligence Agency from the Joint Intelligence Group results from preliminary conversations between Dr. Craig of the Joint Staff, and [REDACTED] two members of the Economic Section, USSR, in CIA, on 23 May.

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3. Specifically, it is requested that CIA answer the following by 11 July:

a. The allocation in the USSR of the following resources between the Soviet military and civilian economies:

- (1) Steel
- (2) Petroleum
- (3) Electrical power
- (4) Skilled technicians
- (5) Aluminum
- (6) Precision tools

b. By July 1952, do the Soviets have the capability of having on hand the amounts of Army, Navy and Air Force equipment as stated in the subject papers, JIC 435/21, assuming,

- (1) Current rate of production as of now continues, more or less.
- (2) That trends and patterns of USSR production as now known by us and aims of the Five Year Plan be considered in the problem.
- ? (3) That existing military occupation of Germany, Austria, Trieste and Japan will still be in effect.

4. Owing to the short time CIA has in which to answer this problem, it will be emphasized in the revised paper that the answers are tentative

5. CIA is authorized to make full use of the Service Intelligence Agencies when necessary.

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